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The Providence Athenaeum, founded in 1753 as an independent membership library, will provide a collection of books and other materials to all, of any age, who love reading, appreciate literature, and enjoy cultural discovery. The Athenaeum will develop, conserve, and maintain its collections and its historic building in the spirit of its founders in order to afford an intelligent cohesive heritage for future generations. The Athenaeum will offer programs showcasing aspects of its collection and may publish materials relevant to its collection and purpose.